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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61244

Taizo AKIMOTO

Appln. No.: 09/749,752

Group Art Unit: 1634

Confirmation No.: 4934

Examiner: Jeanine A. Goldberg

Filed: December 28, 2000

For:

TEST PIECE, ANALYSIS METHOD USING THE TEST PIECE, AND ANALYSIS

SYSTEM USED FOR THE METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003, please amend the above-

identified application as follows: